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| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.: VX042602 | |
| SERIAL NO.: 10/803,054 | FILING DATE: 3/18/04 | EXAMINER: Sikyin IP | GROUP ART UNIT: 1742 |

INVENTOR(S): Katsuhiko TOMINAGA et al.

TITLE: HIGH-STRENGTH, HEAT-RESISTANT ALLOY FOR EXHAUST VALVES WITH IMPROVED OVERAGING-RESISTANCE

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Applicant maintains the previous claim to small entity status of this application. See 37 C.F.R § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ Filing Fee, calculated as shown below:

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| SMALL ENTITY | |
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| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
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| X 100 = | \$ |
| + 180 = | \$ |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE | \$ |

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- ☒ A check including the amount of \$ 50 to cover the additional filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit our Deposit Account No. 50-1147 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge the amount of \$ _____ to cover the additional filing fee.
- ☒ Charge deficiencies in the enclosed fees or any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R § 1.16.
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- ☒ Credit any overpayment.

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